

From: Susan Weston spweston@gmail.com
Subject: Requesting clear book removal policy
Date: August 13, 2023 at 1:26 PM
To: jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for stepping up to serve on the Boyle School Board, and I respectfully urge your Board to set written public policy on how your school libraries will respond to recent state legislation.

I'm a Danville resident, but I'm a Kentucky citizen concerned about students and schools all over the commonwealth. I'm writing in that capacity.

A book purge has been underway. In the last few months, more than 250 books have been removed from libraries in your school system, including some purchased within the last year. Below my signature, I'm attaching the lists for Junction City Elementary, Boyle Middle, and Boyle High. My lists are based on 201 pages your district provide in response to an open records request.

The titles and purchase dates make it clear that the removals have been no ordinary tidying up. A set of topics are being eliminated. On those issues, books are being eliminated not only based on main topics, but based on brief mention as part of accurate biographies.

Other Kentucky districts are not stripping down their libraries. What has happened in Boyle is more extreme than in neighboring districts. There are other highly-ranked school systems that Boyle has been challenging for state statewide prestige—and they are not doing anything this radical.

No law requires these removals. SB 150 and SB 5 do not call for wide book removals, and they certainly do not require giving up hundreds of valuable texts the Boyle County Schools acquired for student use. I've attached an analysis of the new statutes along with copies of those laws. Your district can comply fully with the law without doing this harm to your libraries.

Please, keep moving forward building a district known for impressive commitment to learning and impressive results for students. Please, give your community and those in neighboring communities a public statement on when and why Boyle will remove books from its libraries.

Sincerely,

Susan Perkins Weston

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859/583-3308

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--Governor Ned Breathitt of Kentucky, 1964

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From: KSBA (Kentucky School Boards Association) josh.shoulta@ksba.org
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KSBA AWARE

News from the Kentucky School Boards Association

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Glass announces departure

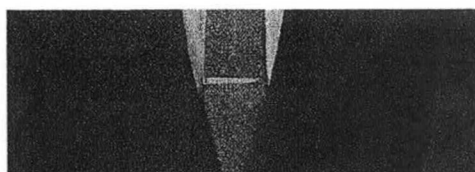
Kentucky Commissioner of Education Jason Glass announced July 31 that he will step down from his position on Sept. 29 to become associate vice president of teaching and learning at Western Michigan University.

Glass was appointed in 2020 by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE). His contract was set to expire in September 2024.

"I wish to thank the members of the Kentucky Board of Education for their wisdom and leadership, the staff at the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) for their exemplary service and those working in education roles across the



and those working in education across the state for their continuing efforts to serve and support all of Kentucky's children," he said. "I have a heart full of gratitude."



In a letter to then-KBE Chair Lu Young, Glass said he is "committed to working diligently to ensure a smooth handover of responsibilities and to provide any necessary support to whomever is selected as an interim or new commissioner."

Young said Glass will leave a positive and lasting impact on public education in Kentucky.

"He led deftly through the challenges of the pandemic and two major natural disasters while, at the same time, galvanizing support across schools and communities around a bold new vision for learning and teaching in the Commonwealth," she said.

Over the past year, Glass had come under attack by the Republican-led legislature for his guidance on policies inclusive of LGBTQ students.

Glass said in a news conference that in addition to a recently passed law that would require Senate confirmation to renew his contract in 2024, that the passage of Senate Bill 150 was a factor in his decision to leave the state.

Glass said he could not "in good conscience" implement the bill which requires students to use the bathroom corresponding to their sex at birth and says teachers do not have to call students by their preferred pronouns.

When Glass announced his resignation, Republican gubernatorial candidate Attorney General Daniel Cameron retweeted KDE's tweet announcing the resignation and said: "One down, one to go."

Gov. Andy Beshear, in a statement, thanked Glass for his service. "I will call on the Kentucky Board of Education to conduct a national search to find the right person to fill this important role and continue to move our education system forward for children across the Commonwealth."

The KBE will meet Aug. 22 to discuss the search for a new commissioner.

KBE approves budget request

At its August meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education listed increasing SEEK funding as its top priority for the next biennial budget.

The board listed raising the overall SEEK amount first on the list of additional budget requests when the legislature meets in 2024 to craft a new two-year budget. The additional requests are on top of the regular funding for the education department.

"Our job now is to educate, inform and advocate for these dollars," said KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney.

The additional budget requests will be submitted to the governor's office by Oct. 1. KBE ranked its requests. In addition to SEEK, the list includes:

- Universal preschool
- Educator Workforce Recruitment and Retention
- SEEK transportation

- Kentucky Educational Recovery Fund
- Kentucky Educational Technology Systems funding
- Read to Succeed additional funding

During the meeting, the board also heard updates on the development and implementation of statewide and local **Portraits of a Learner**. A Portrait of a Learner, is an agreed-upon set of aspirations for what every learner should know and be able to do when they graduate.

KDE Division of Innovation Program Manager Sarah Snipes updated the board on the current data on Kentucky school districts' Portraits of a Learner:

- 42 districts have finalized a set of competencies.
- 37 districts are developing a set of competencies.
- 21 districts are considering development of a set of competencies.
- 8 districts are not considering development.
- 63 districts have not indicated where they are at with a Portrait of a Learner.

Snipes said the next steps are to continue soliciting survey responses and continue tracking examples of work at the district level.

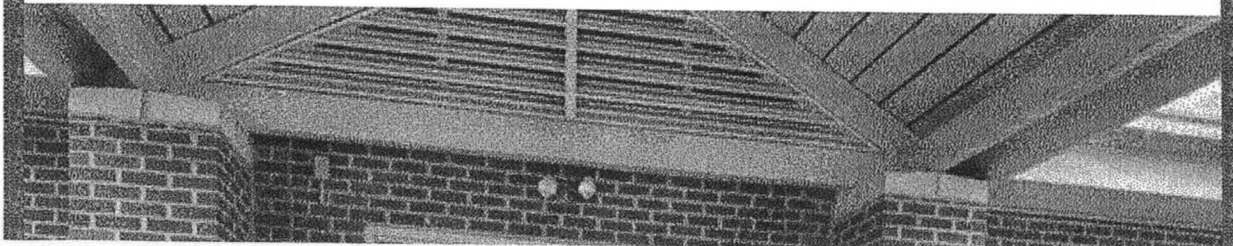
Federal appropriations bill proposes major education funding cuts for FY24

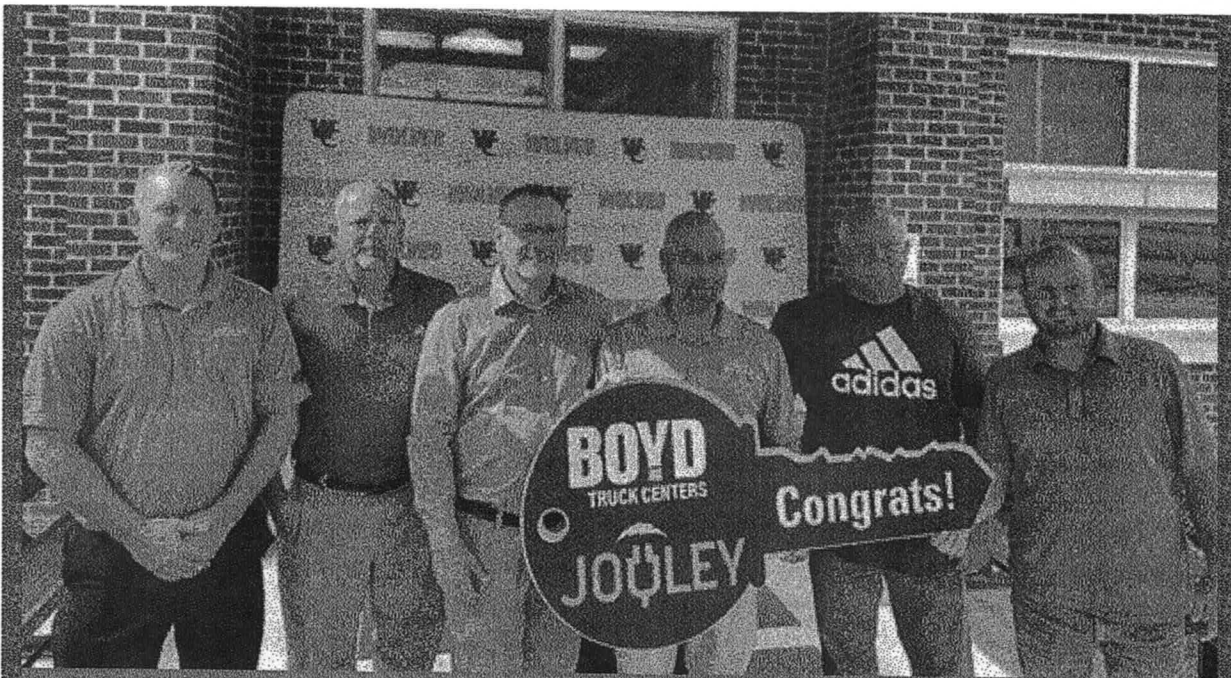
A "marked-up" version of the federal FY24 Labor, Health & Human Services, & Education Appropriations bill was advanced by the House Appropriations Committee during its July 14 meeting. The bill includes nearly \$17 billion in cuts to education funding. This includes a proposed 80% cut in Title I funding for schools serving large numbers of low income students and elimination of Title II-A funding.

Passage of the bill could result in \$220,977,024 fewer Title I dollars and elimination of \$33,015,878 in Title II-A educator grant dollars for Kentucky schools. Linked below are documents, compiled by the **Consortium of State School Boards Association (COSSBA)**, with additional details.

- **[Read COSSBA's letter directed to members of Congress.](#)**
- **[Review state-by-state impacts of Title I cuts and estimated teacher loss.](#)**
- **[Review state-by-state impacts of Title II-A cuts.](#)**

KSBA opposes such cuts. Kentucky students and our schools face unprecedented challenges, including a significant educator shortage, greater special education needs and recovery from pandemic learning loss. The bill would jeopardize the ability of Kentucky schools to meet those challenges. KSBA will follow its progress and keep membership apprised.





Wolfe County gets Kentucky's first electric school bus

The Wolfe County Board of Education celebrated the delivery of Kentucky's first electric school bus with a community gathering on Aug. 7 at Campton Elementary.

The bus is partially funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Clean School Bus Program.

Approximately 60 electric buses are on order for 10 Kentucky school districts that applied to the EPA's lottery. Each district will receive different buses depending on their infrastructure and needs. Over the next five years, the program will provide \$5 billion across the country to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models.

"This helps us create a greener county and a sustainable future for generations to come," said Kenny Bell, Wolfe County Schools superintendent. "More importantly, this allows us to model to our students that we not only talk about green energy, we not only talk about environmental sustainability, but we take action."

Electric school buses cost about \$400,000, compared to about \$150,000 for a diesel bus, said Elisa Hanley, KDE's pupil transportation branch manager.

See more information.

Photo: Wolfe County Board of Education members, and Superintendent Kenny Bell (third from left), joined representatives from Thomas Built Buses and Boyd Truck Centers at the district's Campton Elementary to celebrate the delivery of Kentucky's first electric school bus on Aug. 7, 2023. (Photo provided by KDE)

Applicants sought for new members of the KSBA Unemployment Program Board of Trustees

KSBA's Unemployment Program is currently seeking individuals to serve on its board of trustees to fill positions that will become vacant on Oct. 1. Trustees, who meet for quarterly (usually virtual) meetings, are responsible for the supervision and management of the program, the day-to-day operation of which is delegated to KSBA staff. Duties, conducted during the board's quarterly meetings, include but are not limited to review of program's financial performance, appointment of an outside auditor, oversight of investments, review of annual participant refunds and billings, etc.

Additional information about KSBA's Unemployment Program may be found on the [Unemployment Program page of KSBA's website](#). Interested individuals are encouraged to complete an online application form. [Begin the online application](#).

The deadline for applications is Aug. 31 with anticipated appointment of new members at the board's Sept. 28 meeting. Questions may be directed to Steve Smith, KSBA chief financial officer, at 1-800-372-2962 or by email at steve.smith@ksba.org.



Regional meetings begin Aug. 29

KSBA will hit the road again this fall as the association's 12 regional chairs host meetings for board members, superintendents, district staff and friends of education. The annual tour of the state allows members to gather in proximity to the communities they serve.

A short format program offers an evening of learning and networking in an intimate setting and members who attend will earn 1.25 hours of state-mandated school board training credit.

Meeting details will be communicated by host districts approximately five to six weeks prior to your region's meeting. [See more information on regional meetings](#), including a list of dates for each meeting. [Find your district's assigned region](#).

Six of the regional meetings will include regional chair elections. Those regions are: Northern Kentucky, Middle Cumberland, Second, Eastern Kentucky South, Fourth and Upper Cumberland. Links to the nomination forms for the regional chair positions for those six districts, along with the nomination deadline, [can be found on KSBA's website](#).



Changes to KBE members, leadership

The Aug 2. meeting of the Kentucky Board of Education was the first for new member, former Boone County school board member Julie Pile.

"It's truly an honor to serve on our state board of education," Pile said. "I'm not an educator, I'm a parent and I believe in being a voice for all of our kids across the entire state."

Pile is the second former school board member on the board, joining former Middlesboro Independent board member Jamie Bowling.

It was also the first board meeting for Diana Woods, former superintendent of Campbellsville Independent, as well as the board's two new nonvoting teacher and student members - Christian County educator Alissa Riley and Whitley County junior R.J. Osborne.

Also at the meeting, the board named Sharon Porter Robinson as chair and Lu S. Young as vice-chair, flipping their leadership roles.

"It's going to be a pleasure continuing our work together," Robinson said.

Young said the switch in roles brings stability to the board and the department as Glass's tenure ends and the board begins its search for a new education commissioner.

The move allows the board to "continue making forward motion and progress rather than sitting back and waiting," she said.

KSBA announces new lineup of webinars on state-mandated board training topics

Planning out your board training schedule for the remainder of the calendar year? For the convenience of our members, KSBA offers a new lineup of webinar opportunities in August - October on the state-mandated topics of ethics, finance and superintendent evaluation.

Each of the state-mandated topic webinars is \$50 per attendee and pre-registration and pre-payment is required. If you are not able to attend after you register, you will have access to the recorded version of the event and will be able to complete the session at your convenience.

Members will also be able to complete state-mandated training requirements during Winter Symposium, which will be held Dec. 8-9 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. More information on Winter Symposium will be available later this fall.

View a full lineup of webinars and clinic session offerings for the remainder of the calendar year on state-mandated topics.

See more information on upcoming Learn & Earn webinars.

Questions? Contact training@ksba.org.

Legislative panel hears from JCPS, instructional coaches and math center

The General Assembly's Interim Joint Committee on Education heard three presentations during its August meeting.

Jefferson County Superintendent Marty Pollio updated the legislature on the district's progress including its plan to increase student achievement and safety.

Pollio thanked the legislature for passing Senate Bill 1 (2022) which allowed superintendents to decide curriculum with the consultation of school-based decision making councils. The bill allows the district to implement a consistent literacy curriculum across 155 schools.

"If a kid goes from one school to the next they have the same literacy curriculum, and it clearly follows Senate Bill 1 from 2022 passed by you all, which is ensuring that we have high quality literacy curriculum," he said. "So this is a huge change."

The district is implementing new staggered school start times designed to help with the bus driver shortage. Pollio also said a new A-I based weapons detection system will be placed inside several district high schools this school year.

At the meeting, representatives from the New Teacher Center and the Southeast South-Central Educational Cooperative (SESC) discussed programs to provide support to new teachers. So far 168 teachers in the SESC's region have been coached through the co-op's partnership with the new teacher center.

Also during the meeting, representatives from the Kentucky Center for Mathematics (KCM) explained their efforts to improve numeracy throughout the commonwealth.

The center at Northern Kentucky University provides services for teachers and anyone else

interested in mathematics.

"We really focus on that math intervention. We focus on diagnostic assessment, coaching, and mentoring is really an important part of what we're doing," said Kelly Stone DeLong, executive director. "And that's becoming more and more of what we're working on and other instructional strategies to address students' needs."

Over the past three years, nearly 2,200 teachers have participated in 2,293 hours of professional learning through KCM.

KDE's Read At Home Plan Family Guide now available

Due to the passage of Senate Bill 9 (2022) the Read to Succeed Act, beginning in the 2023-24 school year, if a student's rate of progress toward proficiency in reading needs accelerated interventions as demonstrated by the results of an approved universal screener and reading diagnostic assessment, the local school district shall provide families of those students with a Read At Home Plan.

"The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) values strong partnerships between schools and families and recognizes strong partnerships are built on clear communication and support. The 'Read at Home Plan Family Guide' is created on these values and supports the implementation of the student's Reading Improvement Plan," the Kentucky Department of Education said in its July 31 Monday Message email.

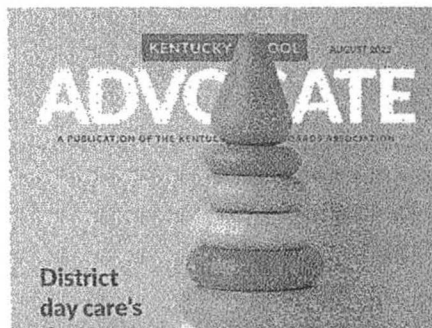
The "**Read At Home Plan Family Guide**" includes learning experiences families can have with children at home to support their reading skills development. Additionally, the guide includes information about SB9, Reading Improvement Plans and the key role families play in student success. A glossary of literacy terms and general tips for reading at home also are included. The at-home learning experiences contained in this document are organized into the five essential components of reading (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension).

KDE will partner with district and school administrators and teachers to offer support through the "Read at Home Plan Family Guide" to help districts effectively implement Read At Home Plans.

For more information, contact **Christie Biggerstaff**, KDE director of early literacy.

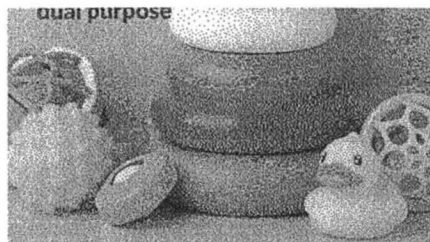
August issue of Kentucky School Advocate available online

Faced with teachers leaving because of a lack of child care in the area, Bowling Green Independent plans to open a child care facility that will not only help teachers and employees find affordable care, but also allow high school students to get hands-on education experience. **Read about Bowling Green's plan and how Pulaski County Schools' child care center has impacted its district in the August Kentucky School Advocate.**



Also in the August Advocate:

- 2023 Election: Several school board seats to be decided
- Regional meetings to showcase KSBA's work at state level
- Boards select new superintendents
- KSBA board of directors holds June meeting
- Beyond the Board: Julia Maness, Menifee County Schools
- In Conversation With Tom Bertrand, COSSBA Executive Director
- Executive Insights: From aspiration to action
- KSBA Answers: Regional chair position may be your opportunity for leadership at state level



Upcoming dates, deadlines and events

Aug. 15: Superintendents Webcast

Aug. 22: Kentucky Board of Education meeting

Aug. 24-25: COSSBA Urban Boards Alliance Symposium "Doing the Work - Every Student Every Day" in Chicago

Sept. 19: Interim Joint Committee on Education

Sept. 19: Task Force on School and Campus Safety

Sept. 25-27: COSSBA Federal Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C.

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From: Claire O'Quin ctoquin@gmail.com
Subject: Concerns over book removal in Boyle County Schools
Date: August 15, 2023 at 6:18 AM
To: jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us



Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am writing to you because as a parent with a child in the school district, I was extremely disappointed to hear that Boyle County Schools has made the decision to remove books from school libraries in response to SB 150. While I understand the difficult position that school districts have been put in as a result of this bill being passed, there is nothing in the law, nor has there been a directive from the Kentucky Department of Education that requires districts to take such extreme measures. It is upsetting to me to think my child is attending school in a district that thinks book banning is appropriate. I am asking that the school board reconsider this action.

Thank you,
Claire O'Quin

From: MB Touchstone mbtouchstone@gmail.com
Subject: Reading is Essential
Date: August 15, 2023 at 12:55 PM
To: jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us



Mr. Johnson,

Thank you so much for serving on Boyle County's Board of Education. I appreciate that in this day and age, the post can be challenging. I can also appreciate how difficult it must be for any board member to be asked to adopt policies that will be harmful to some students. As the parent of a transgendered adult and an active member of this community, I must ask that you keep our marginalized children in mind as you implement policies particularly regarding access to school and classroom libraries.

Since SB 150 does not call for removal of library books, I implore you not to do so. Just say "no". I am the mother of 3 and grandmother of 5; I know it is very difficult to get some children to read. I believe reading is the gateway to learning and we just don't know which book will trigger a lifelong love of reading for a child. Will it be the picture book depicting a child with 2 mommies or a book about the world's greatest sculptures? Let's not limit opportunities for our children to learn.

I am so proud of the quality of education that has been provided by the Boyle County schools. Let's not falter now. Please reconsider your decision to decommission books in our schools.

Warmest regards,
Mary Beth Touchstone

From: Lois Quilligan lois.quilligan@gmail.com

Subject: Book Removal

Date: August 15, 2023 at 1:49 PM

To: jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us, jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us, ruthann.elliott@boyle.kyschools.us, steve.tamme@boyle.kyschools.us, laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us



Dear Boyle County School Board,

I'm a Boyle County resident and my children graduated from Boyle County High School. I've watched with interest in the last decade as the school district has become one of the best school systems in the Commonwealth. Boyle County Schools have earned respect and prestige for educational gains, sports successes, and arts accomplishments. We are the district everyone else looks up to.

Knowing how hard you have worked to attain this success I was taken aback to learn about the removal of books from the school libraries this summer. That is the antithesis of "best practice," and especially when you have removed all the books on one specific topic. Research shows that good school libraries create student success. Why would you move in the opposite direction?

I filed an Open Records Request and received a printed copy of the books removed. It is my understanding that to remove a book from a school library there must be a complaint, and a review of the book, and a decision made about each book removed. When did this process happen and where are the records?

Please let me know how you met the criteria for removing each book, and why this negative change was taken on behalf of our district. It is not in keeping with the Boyle County Schools reputation for excellence.

Sincerely,

Lois Quilligan

From: Jennifer Newby jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us
Subject: Fwd: Book Removal
Date: August 16, 2023 at 7:45 PM
To: Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us



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Date: August 17, 2023 at 6:59 PM
To: Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us

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Laura Weddle

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From: Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us
Subject: Fwd: Book Removal
Date: August 18, 2023 at 4:49 PM
To: Lois Quilligan lois.quilligan@gmail.com



Ms. Quilligan,

Thank you for reaching out to board members about your concern. Here is some information about the issues at hand. The administration met with legal counsel soon after SB 150 was passed to discuss the law's implementation and was advised by counsel of actions to take. We follow the law to the best of our ability. District librarians were **ONLY** asked to remove any materials that directly violated SB 150, but some books were removed that should not have been removed. We are in the process of reconsideration of these materials. If you feel that something was removed that shouldn't have been removed, I ask that you contact the building principal for reconsideration of that item. I appreciate your patience as we work through these issues and gain more clarity on this bill.

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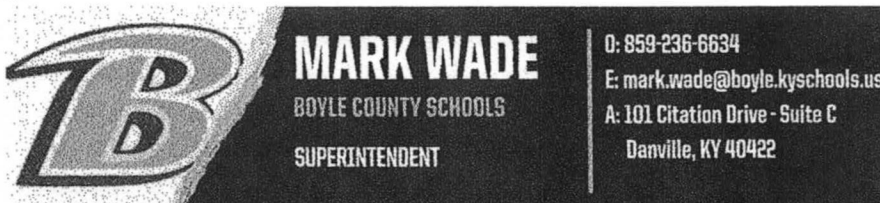
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I filed an Open Records Request and received a printed copy of the books removed. It is my understanding that to remove a book from a school library there must be a complaint, and a review of the book, and a decision made about each book removed. When did this process happen and where are the records?

Please let me know how you met the criteria for removing each book, and why this negative change was taken on behalf of our district. It is not in keeping with the Boyle County Schools reputation for excellence.

Sincerely,

Lois Quilligan



From: Rogers, Lisa A. Lisa.Rogers3@uky.edu
Subject: Concerned
Date: August 15, 2023 at 3:25 PM
To: jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us



Sent from Mail for Windows

Mr. Johnson,

I am very dismayed to hear that our schools have been removing books from the school libraries in response to SB150. I encourage the school board to reconsider this position. We choose to send our child to Boyle County due to the esteemed educational reputation; I felt that the decision to censor or ban reading material will begin a detrimental decline in the ability to provide the level of education Boyle County has built its reputation on.

Respectfully,
Lisa A. Rogers

From: eric6lewis@gmail.com
Subject: SB150 and Library Censorship
Date: August 16, 2023 at 11:13 AM
To: jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us



Mr. Johnson,

The passage of SB150 has, overall, put school districts in the very difficult position of being forced to adopt policies that are harmful to some of their students. I respect and understand how hard this is for school leadership but this is a slippery slope of censorship that will likely result in backfiring at some point. History has proven that censorship of any kind eventually fails. I'm positive that those parents opposed to many of the books that may be removed are likely parents that haven't even read the books themselves. State legislatures are leveraging fear, racism, and ignorance to ensure they remain in office and using SB150 to further their cause and use you as pawns in their efforts to remain in power.

I feel that it is the responsibility of the parents to guide their children in what is appropriate for them. The school system should represent all people and ideas especially since you're funded by **all** the taxpayers in this county not just those filled with fear and ignorance.

Having a diverse curriculum and resources provides the opportunity for students to learn about other people and their struggles which fosters empathy for others. I'm sure you'd agree that having empathy for others is better than driving ignorance, fear, and hatred. No one is forcing the narratives in these books on anyone. If a parent or child doesn't want to read those books then they don't have to. We've even seen the bible get removed in some schools due to its questionable material.

I urge you not to remove books from the library based on conniving politicians and the ignorant and easily manipulated masses. This sets a terrible precedence that will allow more headaches for the district in the future. Let those that are scared of knowledge simply homeschool their children.

Eric Lewis
1504 Quarry Rd
Danville, KY 40422
703-459-0654

From: Ddel Damanidel@gmail.com
Subject: Board meeting request
Date: August 17, 2023 at 12:32 PM
To: jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us



We, the Del Rosario family are asking the district to reconsider its decision to remove books from school libraries, as this action is not called for in the law itself, nor has there been any direction from KDE to undertake such a drastic step. I believe and trust the Boyle County Schools have been working hard to cultivate a reputation for excellence. Which is exactly why our family decided to send our children there. Gaining a reputation for book banning undermines these efforts.

Thank you, kindly

From: Valery McMann mcmannvalery@gmail.com
Subject: SB 150
Date: August 16, 2023 at 5:39 PM
To: jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us



Hi Jesse,

I hope you and your family are well!

Thank you for your service on the School Board. I'm sure it is a thankless job at times.

I am asking that the School Board reconsider its stance that SB 150 requires that certain books be removed from the school libraries. I have read the law, and while I am not a lawyer, I do not see an explicit requirement that books be removed. It is heartbreaking to me that our excellent school district is taking this step. A strong education requires considering diverse opinions, especially at the high school level.

I am not aware of other school districts in the state removing books from the library unless there is a specific complaint and process followed about certain titles. Am I wrong about this?

Thanks again for your service!

Valery McMann, 859-691-0006

From: Jesse Johnson jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us
Subject: Re: SB 150
Date: August 18, 2023 at 7:59 AM
To: Valery McMann mcmannvalery@gmail.com



Valery,

Thank you for reaching out with your concerns. Currently, we are reviewing this policy and seeking further clarification on the matter. Once established, we will take the appropriate action to comply with the law.

Thanks,
Jesse Johnson

Sent from my iPad

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Subject: Concerned parent
Date: August 17, 2023 at 8:01 AM
To: jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us



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Subject: Re: Concerned parent
Date: August 18, 2023 at 8:00 AM
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From: Betsy Quilligan bquilligan@gmail.com

Subject: Book removal

Date: August 17, 2023 at 11:14 AM

To: laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us, jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us, jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us, ruthann.elliott@boyle.kyschools.us, stephen.tamme@boyle.kyschools.us

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Sincerely,
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BCHS 1998

Betsy Quilligan, MPP, CPD(DONA)
she/her/hers
202-276-2334

From: Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us
Subject: Fwd: Book removal
Date: August 17, 2023 at 6:59 PM
To: Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us



Laura Weddle

Begin forwarded message:

From: Betsy Quilligan <bquilligan@gmail.com>
Date: August 17, 2023 at 11:14:03 AM EDT
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From: Jesse Johnson jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us
Subject: Re: Book removal
Date: August 18, 2023 at 8:12 AM
To: Betsy Quilligan bqquilligan@gmail.com



Betsy,

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Thanks,
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To: bquilligan@gmail.com
Cc: Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us



Ms. Quilligan,

Thank you for reaching out to board members about your concern. Here is some information about the issues at hand. The administration met with legal counsel soon after SB 150 was passed to discuss the law's implementation and was advised by counsel of actions to take. We follow the law to the best of our ability. District librarians were **ONLY** asked to remove any materials that directly violated SB 150, but some books were removed that should not have been removed. We are in the process of reconsideration of these materials. If you feel that something was removed that shouldn't have been removed, I ask that you contact the building principal for reconsideration of that item. I appreciate your patience as we work through these issues and gain more clarity on this bill.

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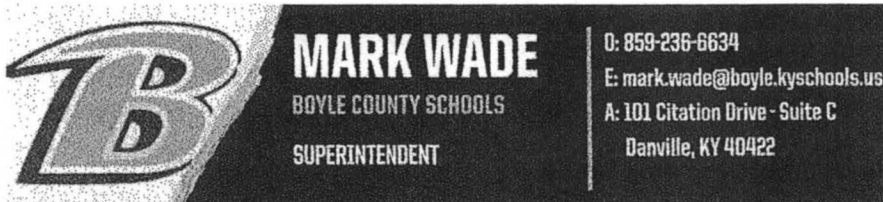
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From: Jane Preston janegailpreston@gmail.com

Subject: Enforcement of Senate 150

Date: October 16, 2023 at 4:40 PM

To: Jennifer Newby jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us, jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us



The first step to fascism is a restriction to information. By taking books off the library shelf you are denying access which denies the freedom to read and draw a personal conclusion from parents and students. I resent my tax dollars spent in creating a limited view of the world. Please revisit this decision and the limited vision it promotes. Put students first, not reacting to a fear of a lawsuit.

From: Steve Karsner steve.karsner@boyle.kyschools.us

Subject: SB 150

Date: April 12, 2023 at 11:27 AM

To: Chris Holderman chris.holderman@boyle.kyschools.us, Christopher Slone christopher.slone@boyle.kyschools.us,
Deanna Padgett deanna.padgett@boyle.kyschools.us

Cc: Mike Lafavers mike.lafavers@boyle.kyschools.us, Steve Karsner steve.karsner@boyle.kyschools.us

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From: Christopher Slone christopher.slone@boyle.kyschools.us

Subject: Re: SB 150

Date: April 12, 2023 at 11:29 AM

To: Steve Karsner steve.karsner@boyle.kyschools.us

Cc: Chris Holderman chris.holderman@boyle.kyschools.us, Deanna Padgett deanna.padgett@boyle.kyschools.us, Mike Lafavers mike.lafavers@boyle.kyschools.us

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I can meet anytime between 10 and 1:00 tomorrow.

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I can't meet until after 1:00 tomorrow. So sorry! Would 10:30 Friday work?

Deanna Padgett
Student Services Specialist
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